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THE TEST ON THE 55 GALLON DRUM THAT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE RIVER AT FRONT AND WASHINGTON.

THE BARREL WAS ABOUT 3/4'S FULL WITH THE LIQUID APPEARING TO BE MOSTLY WATER WITH OIL OR SOLVENTS MIXED IN. THE BOTTOM SIX INCHES OF THE DRUM WAS COVERS IN AN OIL SLUDGE. TWO TESTS WERE TAKEN TO DETERMINE THE PH FACTOR. THE FIRST WHICH MOSTLY CONTAINED THE OIL SUBSTANCE WAS MEASURED AT 6.27, THE SECOND WAS MOSTLY WATER AND MEASURED AT 6.34. 7 ON THIS SCALE IS NEUTRAL. BOTH OF THESE TEST WOULD BE FOUND NORMAL FOR THE RIVER.

THE DRUM IS BEING KEPT ON THE LOADING DOCK AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER LOCK AND KEY. THE TEST WERE PERFORMED BY JAN WAVERING FROM THE THAT PLANT.


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